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LETTER DATED 9 FEBRUARY 1993 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a letter dated 7 February 1993 addressed to you by Mr. Muhammad Said Al-Sahaf, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, regarding fresh violations of Iraqi airspace by a United States U-2 spy aircraft.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Adnan MALIK
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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Annex

Letter dated 7 February 1993 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to our letters to you, the most recent of which is dated 18 January 1993, concerning the violation of Iraqi airspace by a United States U-2 spy aircraft, which entered said airspace on the pretext that it was conducting an aerial survey for the Special Commission. I must inform you that at 11 a.m. on Monday, 25 January 1993, a United States U-2 aircraft bearing registration number UNT-01 and travelling from its base in Saudi Arabia violated Iraqi airspace and flew over vast areas of northern, central and western Iraq for 5 hours and 50 minutes before leaving Iraqi airspace at 4.50 p.m. and heading towards its base in Saudi Arabia.

At 10.10 a.m. on Thursday, 28 January 1993, this aircraft, coming from its base in Saudi Arabia, again violated Iraqi airspace. It flew over vast areas of central and western Iraq for 3 hours and 26 minutes, then left Iraqi airspace at 1.36 p.m. and headed in the direction of its base.

On Friday, 5 February 1993, this aircraft, coming from its base in Saudi Arabia, violated Iraqi airspace. It flew over vast areas of northern and central Iraq for 3 hours and 33 minutes and then left in the direction of its base in Saudi Arabia at 1.38 p.m.

At 10.20 a.m. on Saturday, 6 February 1993, this aircraft, coming from its base in Saudi Arabia, again violated Iraqi airspace. It flew over vast areas of northern Iraq for 3 hours and 17 minutes, then left at 2.37 p.m. in the direction of its base.

These four new incidents bring the total number of airspace violations committed by this aircraft to 112. We strongly condemn these unwarranted flights over our territory, and we reaffirm the position of Iraq - which we have stated on numerous occasions - that this aircraft is being used for purposes other than those specified by the Security Council and that its activities pose a threat to the sovereignty and security of Iraq.

(Signed) Muhammad Said AL-SAHAF
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Iraq